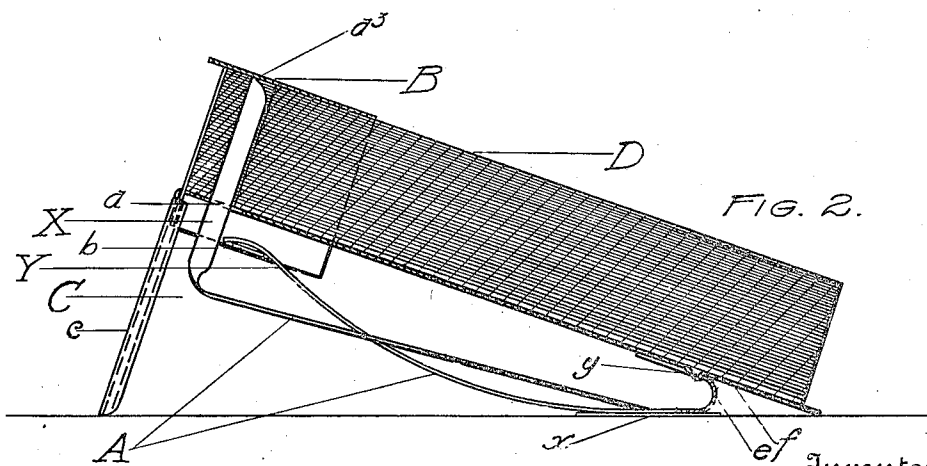
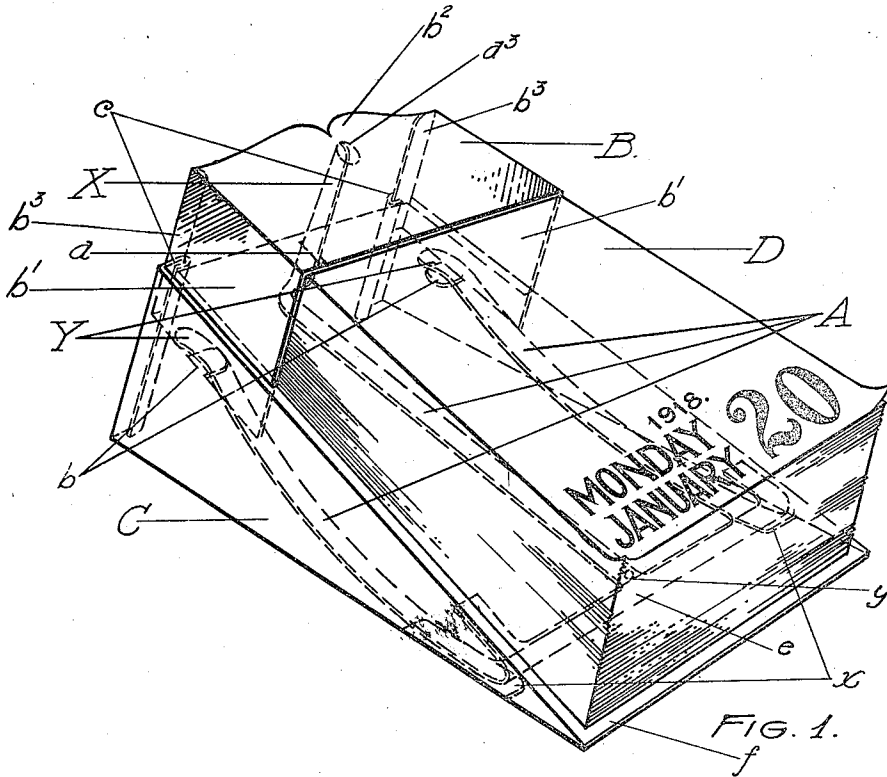


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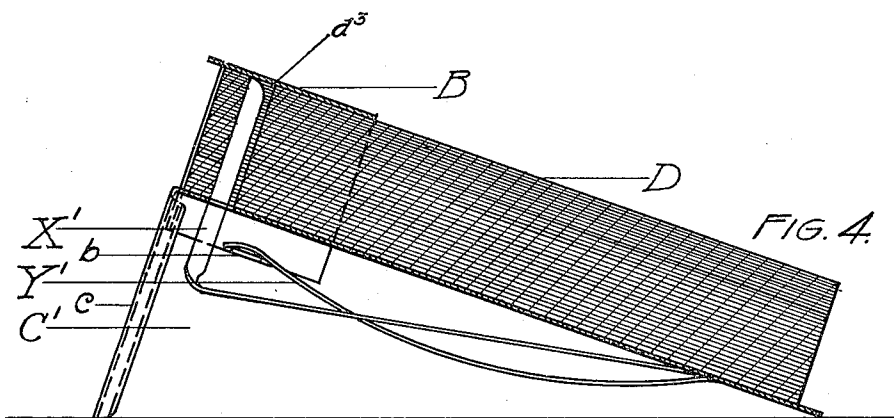
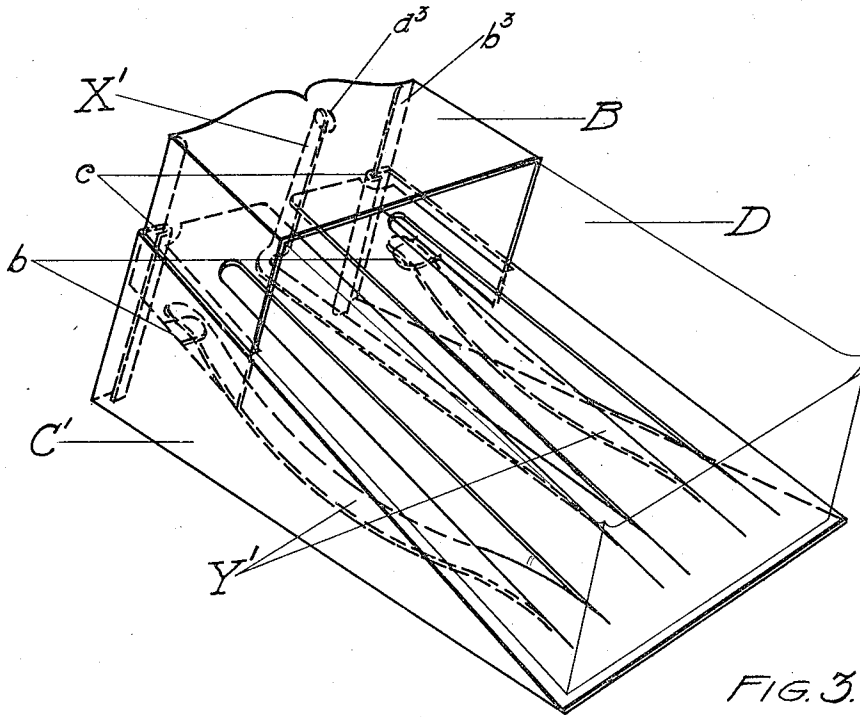
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT A. STITH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Holder for Desk-Calendar, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a holder for desk calendars, and, speaking generally, the object of the invention is a calendar holder, of the type specified, which is simple in construction, economical to manufacture and efficient in operation.

Desk calendar holders, as heretofore constructed, embodied, among other features, manually adjustable means for forcing the calendar support upwardly, in order to compensate for the reduction in depth of the calendar as the individual leaves thereof were gradually removed. To accomplish this result, different mechanical expedients were availed of, such as feed screws, but they all embodied manually operated means necessitating the intervention of the user. Manifestly, such expedients are attendant with pronounced disadvantages which it is not necessary to specifically enumerate.

The present invention, in pronounced contradistinction, dispenses with all mechanical operations incident to the normal employment of the calendar in that it embodies means for automatically holding the calendar pad in position, thereby obviating any attention or adjustment on the part of the operator.

Features of the invention, other than those adverted to, will be apparent in the herein after detailed description, taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings and appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated different practical embodiments of the invention, but these are to be understood as showing the preferred forms of the invention.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder and calendar, certain parts of the operative mechanism being shown in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal cross sectional view of the holder and calendar;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modified form of holder and calendar, certain

parts of the holder being shown in dotted lines; and

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the construction shown in Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, and particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, D is the desk calendar pad, of usual form, C the inclined support therefor, and B a movable retainer or follower for holding the calendar pad D in proper position on its support or base C.

Coöperating with the retainer or follower is a spring A, the function of which is to guide and draw the follower B downwardly, thereby keeping it in engagement with the upper surface of the pad in order to automatically compensate for the leaves or pages removed therefrom. This function is effected by means of the outer leaves of the spring A, the ends Y of which exert a downward pressure on lugs b, extending inwardly, on either side, from the bottom edges of the side walls b' of follower B.

Spring A is provided, with a third spring member, intermediate the leaf springs described, the free end of which has an upwardly extending arm X, adapted to project and extend through the customary perforation a³ in the pad, the upper end of said arm X, engaging with the under side of top wall b² of follower B. This construction, coöperates with follower B, secures the pad against longitudinal or lateral movement, and yet permits of the top sheet of the pad being readily removed.

The side walls of support C are preferably interned at their forward edges, so as to form U-shaped flanges c, and the front edges of side walls of follower B are turned inwardly, forming flanges b³; which interfit with the flanges c, thereby serving to accurately guide the downward movement of follower B.

The lower portion of spring A is bent upon itself, in substantially V-shaped form, as shown at e and this portion of the spring has a frictional wedging engagement with the lips or flanges x, projecting inwardly, on either side, from the lower side edges of base member C. This wedging action tends to preserve the operative relation of the base, follower and spring, but the latter is more securely locked in position by means of a small downward projection y, stamped from

the upper surface *f* of base C, and extending downwardly and abutting against the front edge of turned over portion *e*.

It will be observed that the device thus described is composed of three parts, namely, support C, follower B and spring A. Referring now to Figs. 3 and 4, I have shown a calendar pad holder, operating on the same general principle as that described, but composed of two members. In other words, the spring member, instead of being a separate element, is part of or integral with the base member. In the said Figs. 3 and 4, D is the pad and B the follower, the same as heretofore described. C' is the base member, extending downwardly from the top of which are the laterally positioned spring leaves Y', corresponding to Y, Y, described in connection with the other form of the calendar support. Similarly to the central spring member heretofore described having the upturned portion X is the member X' in the modified form, the bent end of which extends upwardly through the perforation *a*³ in the calendar pad. The free ends of spring leaves Y', described, engage on the upper faces of lugs *b*, extending inwardly, on either side from the lower edge of follower B, thereby drawing the follower downwardly and keeping the under face of its upper surface in following engagement with the calendar pad D.

Similarly to the first form described, follower B is provided with flanges *b*³ which interfit with the U-shaped flanges *c* at the forward edges of support C'.

It will be observed that in both forms of the device described, there is provided a support for the pad, a follower and a spring member or members cooperating with the support and follower for pressing the follower downward. In both forms of the device, moreover, certain adjunctive features, such as those specified, may also be employed to increase the efficiency of operation of the main elements described.

It will be understood, of course, that slight changes may be made in the invention described, such as the substitution of equivalents, without departing from the spirit or

substance of the invention, the scope of which is commensurate with the appended claims.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A calendar holder of the class described embodying a support for the calendar pad, a movable retainer or follower cooperating with said support for retaining the pad in the proper position on the support, means for forcing said follower downwardly in order to compensate for the reduced thickness of the pad owing to the removal of leaves therefrom, and a member, extending through a perforation of the pad and cooperating with the follower, for preventing longitudinal displacement of the leaves of the pad.

2. A calendar holder of the class described embodying a support for the calendar pad, and movable retainer or follower cooperating with said support for retaining the pad in proper position on the support, and means for automatically drawing said follower downwardly in order to compensate for the reduced thickness of the pad owing to the removal of leaves therefrom, and a member, extending through a perforation of the pad and cooperating with the follower, for preventing longitudinal displacement of the leaves of the pad.

3. In a calendar holder, a calendar support, a spring pressed follower, a spring for pressing the follower, and a member extendible through a perforation in the calendar pad for maintaining the latter against inadvertent displacement on the holder.

4. A calendar holder embodying a support, a follower, interfitting flanges on the follower and support for guiding the follower for movement toward and away from the support, and a leaf spring associated with the follower and support for preserving an operative relation with respect to the pad on the support.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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